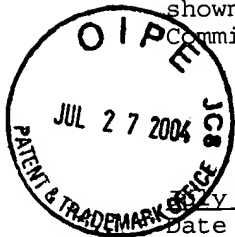


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 22, 2004. Applicants petition for an extension of time for a total period of one month to respond to that Office Action which concerns the above-identified application. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

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A request for payment by credit card of the fee for a two-month extension of time under 1.17(a) (1) accompanies this transmittal.


No additional fee should be required for the accompanying response. The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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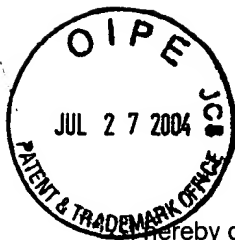
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However, should any additional fees be determined to be necessary in connection with this paper, Applicants respectfully request that any such additional fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 12-0615.

Respectfully submitted,


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